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SUBJ: 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM 4 - REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

1. PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUP IN ITS FIRST READING PARA BY PARA OF THE R/A WORKING PAPER HAS CONTINUED TO BE SLOW. THROUGH ITS FRIDAY JULY 27 SESSION, WG HAD COMPLETED 32 OF TOTAL OF 58 PARAS. ALTHOUGH AMENDS TO EACH PARA HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE IN NUMBER, CLEARLY SECOND READING OF PARAS SO FAR COVERED IN FIRST READING WOULD PRODUCE ANOTHER BATCH OF AMENDS. ON BALANCE, THE PAINFUL PROCESS IS PRODUCING SOME USEFUL RESULTS. PRINCIPLE PARTICIPANTS IN DAILY SESSION REMAIN PRETTY CONSTANT, WITH US, UK, CANADA, SWEDEN, AND JAPAN ON ONE HAND AND ALGERIAN, BRAZIL, PERU, KENYA AND INDIA ON THE OTHER. USSR REP INTERVENES POINTEDLY BUT INFREQUENTLY.

2. BASIC POSITIONS REMAIN CONSTANT ALSO WITH LDC'S GENERALLY DEFENDING STATUS QUO WORKING PAPER LANGUAGE WITH DC'S PUSHING FOR INSERTION OF MODERATING AND BALANCING LANGUAGE. RAPPORTEUR BRITO APPEARS SOMEWHAT MORE CONCILIATORY THAN IN CRA SESSIONS AND HIS FREQUENT ATTEMPTS TO SYNTHESIZE TEXT AND AMENDMENTS ARE USUALLY FAIR, ALTHOUGH STILL OCCASIONALLY REFLECTING HIS WELL-KNOWN BIASES. ALTHOUGH DULL, THE SESSION HAS CONSISTENTLY ATTRACTED WIDE ATTENDANCE OF DELS AND AGENCIES IF NOT THEIR

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PARTICIPATION. SECRETARIAT WILL PRODUCE FRESH DOCUMENT

REPRODUCING NEXT 16 PARAS AS AMENDED AND WE WILL FORWARD
ASAP FOR COMMENT. REQUEST COMMENT WITH REASONS CHANGE
AS OF COB MONDAY.

2. US DEL, ASIDE FROM TAKING PART ACTIVELY IN SESSIONS,
HAS TAKEN STEPS, IE CONSULTATION WITH BUREAU AND OTHER
DELS - WITH VIEW INTRODUCE SHORT PAPER ON REASONS
FOR IDS, TARGET SHORTFALLS, ALSO DISCUSSION WITH SWEDISH AND
DUTCH REPS LATTER WILL INTRODUCE IN WG STATEMENT ON FUTURE
ACTIONS FOR UN AGENCIES. ALSO DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER
SWEDISH SPONSORSHIP NOW CIRCULATING AMONG LDC'S. HAVE
NOTED INCREASING TENDENCY FOR EC COUNTRIES TO OPERATE AS
GROUP TO PRODUCE COMMON AMENDMENT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY
CONCERN EG TRADE BUT ALSO PROPOSED DUTCH STATEMENT RE
UN AGENCIES. SCANS ALSO OPERATE AS TIGHT GROUP.

3. WITH VIEW TO SPEEDING UP PROCESS, CHAIRMAN SCOTT HAS
CALLED SATURDAY MORNING MEETING OF WORKING GROUP JULY 28
AND CONTINUES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF FULL AS OPPOSED
TO HALF-DAY SESSIONS TO COMPLETE FIRST READING AS
EARLY AS POSSIBLE. BASSIN

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